

VINTAGE
2017

WINE PROFILE

MENDOZA MALBEC

The textbook definition of Malbec in a very good vintage. Bright violet in color, this wine is fresh and floral, featuring blackberry, plums and violets on the nose and palate. The wine is soft and round with a noticeable minerality, silky tannins mark a lengthy finish. Low yields, careful vineyard management and low intervention winemaking are the hallmark of this and all other Achával-Ferrer wines.



Achával-Ferrer™ has one single passion: to craft world-class, terroir-driven red wines from Argentina. Achával-Ferrer produces the most critically acclaimed Malbecs from Mendoza, sourced from single vineyards with low-yielding, old ungrafted vines.

TECHSHEET

WINEMAKERS

Gustavo Rearte, Manuel Louzada

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Malbec

APPELLATION

Uco Valley: altitude of 3478 ft. with 1600 plants/acre

Luján de Cuyo: altitude of 3150 ft. with 2200 plants/acre

Medrano: altitude of 2199 ft. with 1600 plants/acre

SOIL

Uco Valley: sandy-gravelly, some volcanic ash, extremely well drained

Luján de Cuyo: gravelly loam, well drained

Medrano: heavier, some clay component, no gravel up to 2 meters

VINE TRAINING

VSP, 1.7 to 1.8 meters high

SUSTAINABLY FARMED

Highly sustainable.

YIELD

2.5 tons/acre. No pesticides in most of our vineyards.

HARVEST DATE

March 30, 2017

ALCOHOL 14.2%

PH 3.8

ACIDITY 5.60 g/L

BRIX AT HARVEST 25

VINIFICATION /WINEMAKING PROCESS

Aerated pump-overs with soft sprinkling of the cap, followed by pressing at the end of and up to 4 days after fermentation as determined by daily tasting results. No filtering. Cold soaks, acid correction, bleed-offs and addition of enzymes were not used during vinification.

FERMENTATION

Fermented in cement tanks at a maximum temperature up to 93-95°F with extensive pumping over for better extraction.

MALOLACTIC

100% spontaneous in oak

OAK AND AGING

Aged 9 months in 2-year old French oak barrels produced by Boutes and Mercury.

PRODUCTOIN

27,000 12-bottle cases

SCORES & AWARDS

Tim
Atkin

92 PTS

"Achaval's pan-Mendoza Malbec cuvée is a great way to taste a representative wine from this impressive producer at a comparatively affordable price. Bottled and sold young, it's a juicy, fruit forward, essence of Argentina style, with a lick of older oak and supple tannins, even for such a young wine."

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

92 PTS

"Notes of bright blackcurrants, elderberries, crushed violets, pepper and coffee bean. Full body, lovely vibrant acidity, juicy tannins, plenty of tangy fruit and a deliciously fruity finish. A little reductive now. Drink in 2019."

Antonia Galloni
vinous
explore all things wine

90 PTS

"Bright ruby-red. Aromas of musky black raspberry, licorice, flowers and soil, plus a sexy hint of gamey, leathery reduction; this is already quite expressive. Wonderfully silky, pliant and sweet but restrained, with black cherry, leather and spice flavors lifted by a touch of minerality. Lovely Malbec with intriguing earth tones. Finishes with broad, seamless, building tannins and excellent length. This strong entry-level Malbec gives me high hopes for the winery's top bottlings from the 2017 vintage." - Stephen Tanzer

